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WITH STERILIZING AGENT-APPLYING
MECHANISM AND METHOD OF TAKING
CORE SAMPLE

Art Unit : 3672

Examiner : DANIEL P. STEPHENSON

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S I R :

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed July 2, 2007
the term for response to which expires on October 2, 2007.

Amendments to the Specification are set forth on page 2 of
this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are set forth in the listing of
claims which begins on page 3 of this paper. Claims 1 and 3-9
are amended; claim 2 is canceled; and claims 10-19 are added.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.

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